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SUBJECT: GUINEAN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION ATTACKS ZAIRE AND DEFENDS

GUINEAN/USSR RELATIONSHIP

REF: CONAKRY 1485 (30 SEPT 74) AND 1511 (3 OCT 74) BOTH NOTAL

1. GUINEAN OFFICIAL WEEKLY "HOROYA" OF 16 AUGUST ATTACKS KINSHASA SEMI-OFFICIAL PUBLICATION "ZAIRE" AND BY CLEAR INFERENCE GOZ PROPER. APPARENTLY "ZAIRE" EDITORIAL OF 14 JULY CRITICIZED SUPER POWER (PARTICULARLY SOVIET) MEDDLING IN AFRICA AND CITED USSR BAUXITE OPERATION IN GUINEA AS ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF GUINEAN PEOPLE.

2. "HOROYA" ACCUSES "ZAIRE" OF INDIFFERENCE TO SUFFERING OF SOUTH AFRICAN AND ZIMBABWER PEOPLES AND HINTS AT GOZ COMPLICITY IN ASSISTING IMPERIALISTS AND MULTINATIONALS TO FOMENT DIVISION IN ANGOLA BETWEEN MPLA AND FLNA. "HOROYA" RATHER DEFENSIVELY EXPLAINS THAT CAPITAL AND PROFITS OF SOVIET-BUILT OBK BAUXITE COMPANY BELONG ENTIRELY TO GOG, WHICH SELLS BAUXITE QUOTE TO USSR AND OTHER CUSTOMERS

UNQUOTE. "HOROYA" BOASTS THERE IS NO FOREIGN COMPANY, MINING OR OTHERWISE, ON GUINEAN SOIL AND CHALLENGES "ZAIRE" TO MAKE SIMILAR DECLARATION.

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3. "HOROYA" EDITORIAL DENOUNCES EXTERNAL SUPPORT OF ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR AND QUOTE CRIMINAL COOPERATION OF CERTAIN SONS OF AFRICA WITH THE RACISTS OF PRETORIA UNQUOTE. "HOROYA" CONCLUDES THAT QUOTE THE DEFENSE OF AFRICAN UNITY LIES NOT IN JOURNALISTIC LIES BUT IN ALL-OUT LIBERATION STRUGGLE AGAINST FOREIGN OCCUPATION OF AFRICA AND AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ITS AFRICAN VALETS, THOSE BOURGEOIS ELEMENTS WHICH COUNT MORE IN ZAIRE THAN IN REVOLUTIONARY GUINEA UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT. ILL FEELING BETWEEN SEKOU TOURE AND MOBUTU HAS BEEN JUST BELOW SURFACE SINCE TOURE'S ATTACK UPON MOBUTU (AND LATTER'S REJOINDER) AT TIME OF MOBUTU/SPINOLA MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 1974 (REFTELS). SEKOU TOURE SYMPATHIZES WITH MPLA CAUSE. NEW ELEMENT IS TOURE'S EVIDENT SENSITIVITY TO SUGGESTION THAT GUINEA IS CLIENT OF USSR. SOVIETS IN FACT ENJOY EXCELLENT DEAL IN OBK BAUXITE PROJECT AND ARE GUARANTEED 90 PCT OF OUTPUT AT CONCESSIONAL PRICE. GOG OBTAINS LITTLE REVENUE SINCE BY AGREEMENT BULK OF PROCEEDS ARE USED TO DEFRAY GOG INDEBTEDNESS FOR SOVIET AID. IN ADDITION TO SOVIETS, MAJOR WESTERN FIRMS HAVE IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURE MINING OPERATIONS IN GUINEA SO "HOROYA"'S DENIAL OF FOREIGN COMPANY PRESENCE SEEMS AMBIGUOUS AT BEST. ANTICIPATE A SHARP ZAIROIS REACTION TO THIS ARTICLE.
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